

instructions including a list of secondary users and a working relationship defined between the users;

- (iii) [means] a messaging system for communicating existence of the dedicated [intranet] network site to [a] selected ones of the list of secondary users;
- (iv) [means] a network for accessing contents of the dedicated [intranet] network site by the primary and secondary users via a web-browser [installed on the second user]; and
- (v) [means] memory associated with the dedicated network site for storing information submitted by [in the dedicated intranet network site input via a web-browser installed at] the [first or] primary and the secondary users, wherein the stored information is accessible to the users in accordance with the predefined working relationship.

2. (amended) A system [to provide] for providing a team of users with [intranet] network-based groupware application functionality, comprising:

- (i) a[n intranet] network-connected server having [a means] an input for receiving an initiate instruction from a primary user, the initiate instruction including a list of secondary users and a working relationship defined between the users;
- (ii) (ii) [a means] a workgroup creator for creating a dedicated site on the server in response to the initiate instruction received from the primary user;
- (iii) [means] a messaging system for sending information including an address of the dedicated [about the existence of the] site to [at least one] selected ones of the list of secondary users nominated by the primary user;



(iv) [means] a receiver [to receive] for receiving information at the dedicated site sent by the [at least one] secondary users using a web-browser;

(v) [means to store] memory for storing information at the dedicated site at the request of the primary and the at least one secondary user, wherein the stored information is accessible to the users in accordance with the defined working relationship;

(vi) [means to permit processing of] a processor for processing the information stored at the dedicated site by the primary and the [at least one] secondary users; and

(vii) [means] a transmitter for downloading [to download] stored and processed information to the primary user and [the at least one] secondary users for display via a web-browser.

3. (amended) The system according to claim [1] 2, wherein the primary user sends the initiate instruction via a web-browser.

4. (amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the [means to receive the information] receiver comprises a web-browser.

6. (amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the server contains an address database of communication addresses for users connected to the [intranet] network.

7. (amended) The system according to claim 6, wherein [en] an external user's address can be added to the address database.

10. (amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the [means to permit processing of the stored information] processor comprises providing the primary user with a workgroup activity application.

11. (amended) The system according to claim [1] 10, wherein the workgroup activity application is selected from the group comprising bulletin board, chat room, calendar, contact database, change control, event planner, group discussion, issue management, project collaboration, presentation library, decision survey in a box, NGS proposal development and document management.

12. (amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the [means to send information] messaging system comprises E-mail.

13. (amended) A method for providing a communication network, comprising the steps of:

- (i) providing an [intranet] network-connected server having upload and download capabilities;
- (ii) receiving instructions uploaded from a [first] primary user and for creating a dedicated [intranet] network site on the server, the dedicated [intranet] network site having a unique name [based on] in response to the received instructions, the received instructions including a list of secondary users and a working relationship defined between the users;
- (iii) communicating the existence of the dedicated [intranet] network site to a nominated secondary user;
- (iv) downloading contents of the dedicated [intranet] network site to the second user via a web-browser installed at the second user;

(v) storing information in the dedicated web-site uploaded via a web-browser installed at the [first or] primary and the second users, wherein the stored information is accessible to the users in accordance with the defined working relationship.

14. (amended) A computer configured to operate a groupware application program, the computer comprising:

- (i) [means to connect] a network for connecting the computer to at least a primary and a secondary user;
- (ii) [means to receive] a workgroup creator for receiving instructions input from the primary user;
- (iii) [means to create] a site-builder for creating a dedicated site within the computer [based on] in response to the instructions [input] received from the primary user, the received instructions including a list of secondary users and a working relationship defined between the users;
- (iv) means to look up address of secondary user from an address database;
- (v) [means to communicate] a messaging system for communicating the existence of the dedicated site to the secondary user;
- (vi) [means to store] memory for storing information at the dedicated site at the request of the primary and the secondary user, wherein the stored information is accessible to the users in accordance with the defined working relationship; and
- (vii) [means to process] a processor for processing the stored information at the request of the primary and the secondary user.

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15. (amended) A data carrier having thereon a computer program for facilitating communication between a server, a primary user, and a plurality of secondary users by performing the steps of [facilitating communication between a server, a primary user and a secondary user];

(i) creating a dedicated site within the server based on instructions [input] received from the primary user, the received instructions including a list of secondary users and a working relationship defined between the users;

(ii) looking up address of the secondary user from an address database;

(iii) communicating the existence of the dedicated site to the secondary user;

(iv) storing information at the dedicated site at the request of the primary and the secondary user, wherein the stored information is accessible to the users in accordance with the defined working relationship;

(v) processing the stored information at the request of the primary and the secondary user.

REMARKS

The title of the application has been amended to more clearly reflect the invention.

Applicant submits herewith a declaration indicating that the appropriate priority claim information. Further, a certified copy of the priority Canadian application 2,221,790 has been requested from the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and will be forwarded to the Examiner as soon as it has been received.

Applicant acknowledges that the drawings are informal and will provide formal drawings upon allowance of the application.

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